recommended in 1964 that Vice-Chancellor of University should be a distinguished educationist or eminent scholar and an exception to this recommendation should not be made on excuse for accommodating individuals who do not fulfil the condition; and

(b) if so, what is the number of Vice-Chancellors in our Universities who fulfil this condition as against total number of Vice-Chancellors?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Such information is not maintained by UGC. Vice-Chancellors are appointed in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Acts/Statutes of the concerned Universities, keeping in view the recommendations/suggestions made by various commissions/committees in this regard from time to time.

Training to women under employment-cum-income generation-cum-production units in Gujarat

2886. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether women are imparted training in new skills under the Employment-cum-income Generation-cum-Production Units in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the annual number of women benefited from the programme during the last three years, till date, particularly in Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surendranagar and Rajkot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of women benefited from the programme during the last three years, till date, in Ahmedabad district is 320. NORAD programme is not being implemented in Gandhinagar, Surendranagar and Rajkot districts.

UGC orders on eligibility for the post of lecturers

2887. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has issued